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Remarks

The above claim amendments are made to more particularly point out the invention.

Submitted herewith are three Terminal Disclaimers, together with a Statement Under 3.73(b) and the appropriate fee, to obviate any double patenting rejections over any of the three prior patents issued in the chain.

Since this is a continuation application, it is understood that the Examiner will consider all information which was considered by the Office in all ancestor patent applications. MPEP 609. Such information therefore is not listed anew in an information disclosure statement.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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